First and Second appeals pending in the High Court.

216. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of 1st and 2nd appeals pending in the High Court till the end of 1109;

(*b*) the number of such appeals pending for more than 3, 4 and 5 years; and

(*c*) the number, if any, of such appeals pending for more than five years?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*). A †statement giving the information required is laid on the table.

Royal trees standing on registered holdings.

217. MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Thiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Sirkar takes any portion of the value of royal trees standing in the registered holdings of Kalloopara *pakuthi*;

(*b*) the amount of the value of such royal trees cut and removed by the Forest Department for the last 10 years from the Kalloopara *pakuthi*;

(*c*) whether the registry-holders are entitled to any portion of the sale proceeds

(*d*) whether any amount has been paid to such holders; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, the reasons for the non-payment?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Kalloopara *pakuthi* belongs to the Edapally Chief. The timber from teak and blackwood trees cut from this *pakuthi* is worked down to Government depots and sold there. The Edapally Chief claims the *kudivila* due on these timbers and it is paid to him after publishing the usual notice in the Government Gazette inviting counter-claims, if any. Excepting the *kudivila* thus paid, the balance value of timber goes to Government.

(*b*) No separate record is reported to have been maintained of the number of trees cut and removed from the Kalloopara *pakuthi* and the amount realised for the same. It will be a very laborious work to get a statement of the kind prepared with the existing staff for the whole of that *pakuthi* for the period of 10 years asked for.

(*c*) The registry-holders must prove their *kudivila* right by the production of documentary evidence. If their claims are established, they are entitled to get *kudivila* on the logs cut and removed.

(*d*) No. They have not established their *kudivila* right by the production of necessary documentary evidence.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).

†*Vide* Appendix II.

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MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether any counter-claims were brought to the notice of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): For what.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): For the value of the trees.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Against whom?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): It has been stated in answer to part (*a*) that the usual notice is published in the Gazette inviting counter-claims. My question is whether any counter-claims have been brought to the notice of Government.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

Colony of students who have passed out of the Government Agricultural Schools.

218. **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are now following the policy of giving lands for colony settlement to those students who have passed out of the Government Agricultural Schools

(*b*) whether they have received any written representation, dated 7-1-1932, from such students praying for some concessions and the action taken thereon;

(*c*) whether the Government have held out a promise that, among such students, those who have passed the Vernacular Higher Examination will be employed as teachers in the Vernacular Schools:

(*d*) the number at present of such students who have passed both these examinations;

(*e*) whether the Government have done anything in pursuance of their order D. Dis. No. 39/33,

(*f*) whether the Government have now received representation from any student who has passed in both the examinations, praying for a teacher's place in Vernacular Schools and

(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes. The petitioners were informed that no lands are available for the formation of another colony and that an attempt will be made to employ some of them who have passed the Vernacular Higher Examination as teachers in Vernacular Schools.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) So far as Government are aware, there is only one boy who has passed both these examinations.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The application was forwarded to the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries and he has asked the applicant to submit his application to the Director of Public Instruction.

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